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Dear Ms. Iizuka:

This letter grants your request, dated November 6, 2009, on behalf of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (the District) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during upcoming government emergency drills.

In your request, you state that the District will be holding radio-check disaster preparedness drills on December 1, 2009, and January 5, February 2, March 2, May 4, and June 1, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. You state that these exercises will test radio equipment readiness, school-operator familiarity with the equipment, and operator familiarity with message relays for back-up communications in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. The drills will be held at various locations on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, California. You state that each school will transmit for about thirty seconds.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following District employees to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with these exercises: Pat Corwin, KF6EXU; Joan Lewis, KG6IRB; Meredith Bloss, KG6IQP; Scot Oschman, KI6CIK; Terry Delorenzo, KG6NA; Kurt Barcinella, KG6IRC; Jim Meade, KI6MCF; Kevin Allen, KI6MCH; Henry Sanford, KF6JLC; Kent Smith, KI6MCL; Brad Gold, KG6EDQ; Carole Westberg, KG6IQW; Alex Sams, KG6IQZ; Fred London, KF6EXW; Trish Cobb, KG6IQQ; Beth Hadley, KI6CIH, Tanya Hansen, KI6CIJ; Terri Robertson, KI6CII; Rebecca Kieft, KI6CIL; John Barlow, KF6JLK; Jeff Keeney, KI6MCM; Renai Roberts, KF6JLJ; Patti Stewart, KG6BNZ; Yvonne Cloer, KG6BNY; Sandy Glick, KG6IQU; Hugo Melara, KI6MCE; Diane Long, KG6IQS; Scot Garman, KI6CID; Mario Garcia, KG6BNX; Jeri Felix, KG6IQT; Beth Berry, KI6CIE; Jody Pastell, KG6BNV; Meriman Wilhelm, KG6IQO; Jeanne Hanaoka,KI6CIF; Jackie Ritche, KI6MCG; Pat Vincent, KF6EXX; Butch Ihde, KG6IQR; Joan Romano, KG6IRD; Sara Briggs (listed in the Commission's licensing records as Sara Schulz), KG6ITM; Roger Stevens, KG6BPC; Jeff Wilson, KI6MCD; Becky Jo Cash, KF6HYS; Janis Riegle, KG6IRA; Jerri DeLatorre, KI6CIG; Jora Dodell, KF6JLF; Cheryl Cook, W6SZF; Peter Lyons, KG6BOB; Mary Ann Garland, KF6JLG; Matt Covella, KF6EXO; and Pearl Iizuka, KI6MCI. You also request a similar waiver for the following employees of the Chadwick School, a private school that participates in the District's disaster preparedness planning: Miguel Lopez, KF6JLB; Bob Rule, KF6JUJ; and Dave Nathanson, KG6ZJO.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, May 4, and June 1 public safety exercises by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant

permits transmission of communications by the above-listed amateur employees on behalf of their employers during the December 1, 2009, and January 5, February 2, March 2, May 4, and June 1, 2010, exercises.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, dated November 6, 2009, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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